

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1819 - HB 1918

February 7, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a county legislative body to authorize the judges of the circuit and chancery courts to appoint masters for certain purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Due to multiple unknown factors, the extent and timing of any permissive increase in local expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-2-123(a)(1), only the circuit court judges in Davidson county are authorized to appoint a full-time master to serve as a judicial officer in the absence of any such judges.
- Passage of the proposed legislation authorizes any county to authorize the judges of the circuit and chancery courts to appoint masters upon the adoption of a resolution by a two-thirds majority vote of the county legislative body.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-2-123(a)(3), the compensation for a master appointed judge is fixed by the presiding judge of the judicial district and is paid for by the county governing body.
- For any county who opts to appoint a master judge, there will be a permissive recurring increase in local expenditures; however, the extent of such permissive increase will be dependent upon the number of judges a county legislative body appoints and the level of compensation paid to such judge.
- Due to multiple unknown factors, the extent and timing of any permissive increase in local expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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